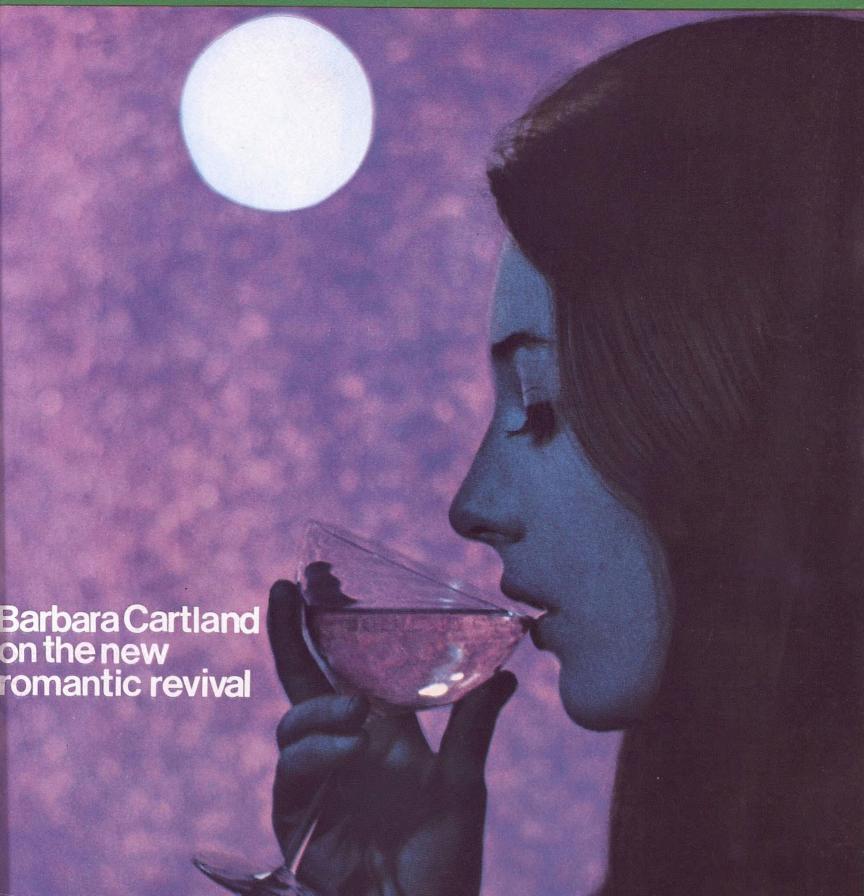
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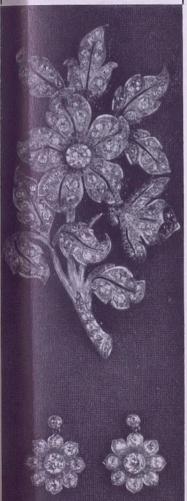


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Possibly the truest definition of a platitude is that it is a self-evident truth expressed in overworked words. And perhaps the most overworked of words in the language of rhyme are moon and June. Which is not to say that they aren't perfectly good words in their own right and most apt to enshrine a mood or to capture an ambience. They certainly governed the choice of this week's cover because even though the month is only April there's a full moon on the 15th. Tony Evans took the picture with romance in mind, because it seems a fact that in these hectic '60s the mood is steadily becoming a little less sombre and considerably less kitchen sink. The signs can be detected in the new plays and musicals, in films and in decor, even in modern modes and customs. Barbara Cartland develops the theme a stage further with more pictures by Evans on page 90. Counterspy follows through on page 96

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#### SOCIAL & SPORTING

Princess Alexandra will attend a performance of Fall In the Stars, at the Victoria Palace, 25 April, in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund.

Royal Scottish Academy Exhibition, Edinburgh, 17 April-8 August.

Irish Grand National, Fairyhouse, 19 April.

Royal Society of St. George Dinner, the Savoy, 22 April. (Details, BEL 1714.)

New Forest Hunt Ball, New Forest Hall, Brockenhurst, 23 April.

Geranium Dance, for teenagers. Anglo-Belgian Club. 6 Belgrave Square, 26 April, in aid of the Greater London Fund for the Blind. (Tickets, £1 15s., AMB 0191.)

Rose Ball, Grosvenor House, 27 April. (Tickets, £3 10s., from

Mrs. Day, 1 Castelnau Rd., Barnes, S.W.15).

Oxford& Cambridge Ski Clubs Ball, Grosvenor House, 27 April. (Tickets, £3 inc. dinner from R. Butler-Adams, 16 Clarville St., S.W.1.)

2.000 Guineas, 28 April: 1,000 Guineas, 29 April, Newmarket. Royal Artillery Hunt Ball, Royal Artillery Mess, Larkhill, Wilts, 30 April.

Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, Burlington House, 1 May-15 August.

Queen Charlotte's Ball, Grosvenor House, 4 May.

Point-to-points: Cattistock, Inpark Farm; Wylye Valley, April. Taunton Vale Harriers; North Cotswold, Spring Hill; Cowdray, Cowdray Park, 19 April. Grove & Rufford. Shireoaks Hall: Meynell, Ashton-on-Trent; N. Warwick, Lowsonford, 24 April.

### MOTOR RACING

Easter Monday meeting. Goodwood, 19 April.

### RUGBY

Scotland v. South Africa, Murrayfield, Edinburgh, 17 April.

### MUSICAL

Covent Garden Opera. Cavalleria Rusticana, and Pagliacci, tonight, 17, 19, 21 April (last perfs.), 7.30 p.m.; Il Tabarro, Suor Angelica, Gianni Schicchi, 15, 20, 23 April, 7 p.m. (cov 1066.) Sadler's Wells Opera. Orpheus In The Underworld, tonight, 15, 24, 27 April, 7.30 p.m.; Figaro, 17, 20, 23 April, 7 p.m.; Peter Grimes, 22 April. (TER 1672/3.).

Royal Festival Hall. B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra, cond. Dorati, 8 p.m., tonight; Salzburg Mozarteum Orchestra. 8



Osborne's Inadmissible Evidence, now at Wyndham's Theatre with changes of cast from the Royal Court production

p.m., 15 April; London Choral Society, and Philomusica, Bach's St. Matthew Passion, 5 p.m., 16 April; L.P.O. and Johnny Dankworth Orchestra, 8 p.m., 17 April; New Philharmonia, cond. Kertesz, 7.30 p.m., 18 April; Tel Aviv String Quartet, 8 p.m., 19 April: Film, An Evening With the Royal Ballet, 7.30 p.m., 20 April; London Mozart Players, cond. Blech, 8 p.m., 21 April. (WAT 3191.)

Royal Albert Hall. L.P.O. cond. Sargent, 7.45 p.m., 23 April. (KEN 8212.)

Lunchtime concert: Bishopsgate Institute. Marlene Fleet (piano), 1.5 p.m., 20 April.

#### ART

Arshile Gorky, Tate Gallery, to 2 May.

Augustus John drawings,

Upper Grosvenor Gallery, 30 April.

R.W.S. Spring Exhibition R.W.S. Galleries, Conduit & to 29 April.

Drawings from the Corn Museum, Venice, Arts Count Gallery, St. James's Square to 15 May.

French modern painter Madden Galleries, Blandin St., to end of April.

### **EXHIBITION**

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W.B... Wise to book a table. Templars Grill Room, Waldorf Hotel. (TEM 2400.) If for no other reason I would remember this restaurant because on the cold table there was a Cornish Star-Gazy Pie. and I cannot remember having seen one in London for nearly 30 years. From the same table I chose the Warden Pie, made of lamb in turtle jelly, and very This restaurant nice too. specializes, besides its cold table, in soups and grills, and I was glad to see a hot ham on the trolley. It is a long, spacious room, with a colour scheme based on dull gold and old parchment. Indeed, the pillars are papered with enlarged reproductions of old documents, and the walls carry some old portraits and prints. The tables are of sensible size and set well apart. The wine list is based on that of the Waldorf, which is of high repute. Adjoining the Templars is the popular Tower Bar and an attractive, comfortable ante-room which is an admirable place in which to study the menu. Allow about 25s. for food without drink. draught beer is well kept and properly served in polished tankards. W.B. luncheon.

La Lanterne, 108 Wigmore Street (Western end). 3566.) This smallish restaurant is worth remembering if you are shopping in these parts, but as it is much in demand at lunchtime it is wise to get there early. Coffee and light meals are served upstairs, with a dining room below. Its à la carte menu contains a number of Austro-German dishes, but at midday, if time presses, it is wise to choose the dishes of the day, or from the menu of the week. I had mushroom soup with plenty of flavour, and a really fresh grilled plaice with chips and peas. My bill, including a glass of Dortmund Union beer, was 11s. The fact that every table was taken, upstairs and down, shows that others besides myself regard it as good value for the money.

#### Wessex winner

What are the criticisms levelled, with justice, against many British hotels? Frigid or disinterested "welcome" at the reception desk, indifferent or bad-tempered service, low standards of comfort and

cleanliness, bad lighting in bedrooms, tepid water, no hot towel rails, no food after 8 p.m. -and plastic flowers. But I found none of these when I stayed at **The Wessex** in Winchester, opened some 15 months ago by Trust Houses and managed by a woman-Miss Pounder. I was welcomed with a charming smile and conducted to my bedroom, to which a friendly porter had taken my luggage already. The lights were good, the bed soft, cupboard space spacious. There was a comfortable chair and a writing table. In the private bathroom there was that rarity a hot towel rail, boot cleaners, face tissues, and a plastic bathing cap for ladies to wear in the bath. There was even a pretty little pot plant on the dressing table.

There is a small and pleasant Buttery with service to 11 p.m., dinner being served in the spacious dining room to 10 p.m. Choosing the dining room I had a well-cooked escalope de volaille and a good fruit salad; the hors d'oeuvre was rather disappointing, but the wine list was up to the high Trust House standards. Inside and out the building is completely modern, with picture windows looking out on to the cathedral. I

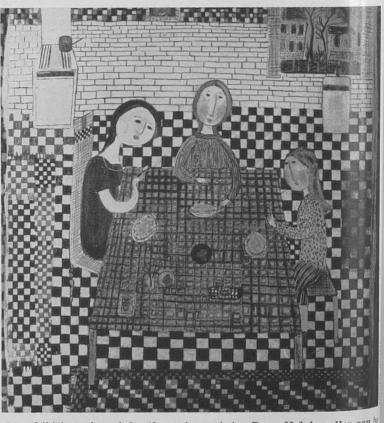
found the decor pleasant and restful, the modern chairs most comfortable, and the fresh spring flowers in the public rooms were beautifully arranged. All members of the staff I encountered were both courteous and efficient. I wish I could have stayed longer. It is wise to reserve your room in advance (Telephone: Winchester 61611). Service charge 10%.

### Wine note: Majestic vintage

It may be early days to pronounce on the quality of the 1963 wines from the Rheingau, the source of some of the world's greatest white wines. Recently, however, I had the pleasure of drinking the 1963 Arthur Hallgarten Schloss Eltz, Monopol, Eltwiller Sonnenberg Regina—to give it its full and noble title. It is a splendid wine now, and a sound buy, being already full of bouquet and character.

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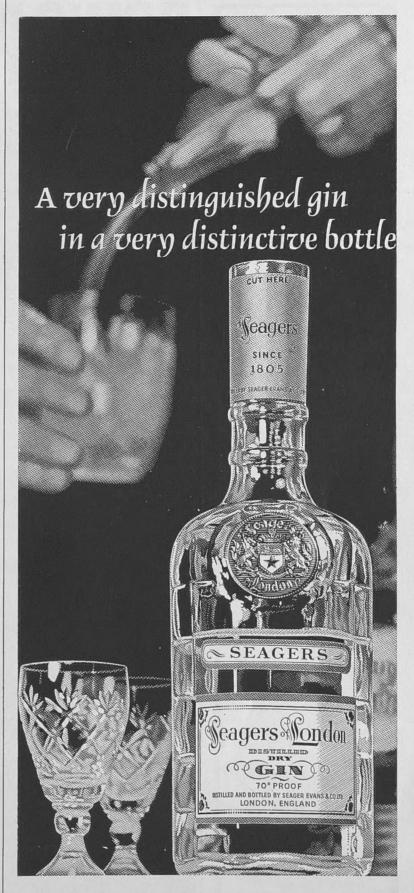


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## GOING PLACES ABROAD

Oporto must surely be the least characteristic of all Latin cities. Indeed, as we motored through its steep streets, lined either side by granite buildings, I thought this might be what Aberdeen looks like (not knowing Aberdeen). A heavy drizzle added to the impression, and so did the clutches of English people in the lobby of the cosy, Edwardian-like hotel. It is called the Infante do Sarges but could equally, I felt, be called the George, with its bar furnished in good solid oak and the dark cretonned comfort of the bedrooms.

Next morning when the skies lifted, I saw Oporto's curious beauty, that derives from the bridges which sweep high over the Douro; the almost Venetian looking buildings and the street market which clusters, tight and colourful like a flower posy, on the north quayOporto such an oddly English flavour. Machinery has, over the past five years, made the processing more efficient and less romantic to see, but such is the traditional hospitality of the wine trade that it is a simple and worthwhile excur-

Otherwise, there is little to detain the visitor in Oporto itself; there are far more lovely buildings to be seen in Coimbra; and along the upper reaches of the Douro, as well as to the north, is some of the most attractive country in Portugal, kernel of which is the charming and little-known province of Minho.

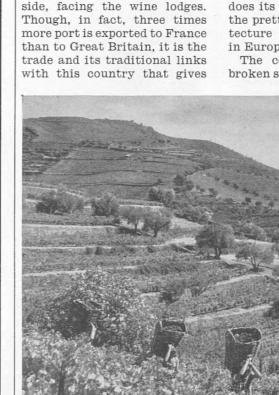
Minho is to the north what the Algarve is to the south: a picture-book province of bubbling hills, rushing streams and little waterfalls; a greenness almost outclassing that of Ireland (as also, in spring, does its rainfall). And some of the prettiest indigenous architecture to be seen anywhere in Europe.

The coast runs in an unbroken stretch of broad, golden

sands from Vila do Conde (just north of Oporto) up to the Spanish border. Ofir and Esposende, lying on either bank of an estuary, are embryonic resorts whose few hotels are heavily booked by British travel agents. Of its kind, the bathing and the beach-space would be hard to beat, and there is a certain beauty in the limitless stretches of sand and sea and sky. One could find it rather blank, though, and I preferred Viano do Castelo, backed by tall hills on the banks of the Rio Lima.

Though it is the biggest resort of the north, Viano has grown up around a very pretty old town whose character has not been swamped (and, in any event, a large proportion of its visitors are Portuguese). A road leaves the harbour and coils up a steep hill, through forests of mimosa and eucalyptus, to the Santa Luzia hotel. With its view over the estuary and the hills; its comfort and elegance, with private swimming poclin the garden, it represents rather

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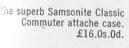


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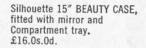
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Ivory Tower living: though the rates, at £4 per day for two, are amazingly low. Those who prefer the arena might enjoy the Alianca, in town (only £2 for double room and all food), or even the tiny Pensao Beira Mar: people go there just for its restaurant and its speciality of delicious stuffed crab.

But the real poetry, as so often in Portugal, is inland. A glorious road follows the river banks between Viano and Ponte de Lima. The chance one takes with the spring weather is compensated by trees alight with apple and almond blossom, side by side with those laden with ripe oranges, all set against the ink blue hills and ink green pine trees, the river dappled with clouds and light. Golden, satin-hide oxen, with long, chalice-shaped horns contrive to look as sacred as a cow can get. They are clearly beloved by their owners, who crown them with embroidered pink or yellow velvet yokes.

Ponte de Lima is a treasure among many enchanting towns in Minho. As stony as the Cotswolds, its architecture is almost entirely baroque; a little white church crowns its long stone bridge, built over this, the river that the Romans called the River of Oblivion. It rises in Spain, hence the right of the Conquistadores to name the most illustrious of their New World capitals after it.

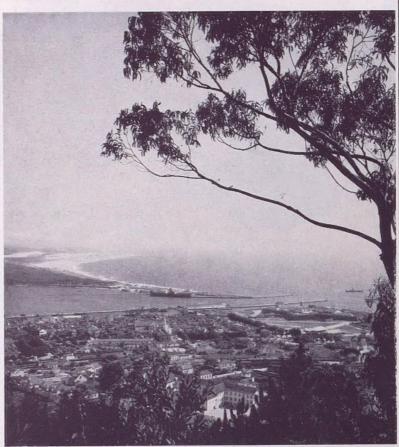
The country that lies between the two rivers-the Lima and the Minho that mark the Spanish frontier-is the real heart of the province. Each tiny hamlet of three or four houses has its tiny baroque church, surrounded by orchards. Sandy tracks lead over the saddles of the hills. The area is famous, of course, for its trout fishing, and also for shooting-at all times save when, as the guide book quaintly puts it, the birds are "sedentary." Never mind the beaches: I should love to walk, or better, to ride, through every mile of it.

A secondary road running high through the pinewoods and over stretches of wild and lovely heath links Ponte de Lima with Valenca, a walled fortress town with its nose almost in Spain. The Pousada there is whitewashed and rustic, with open log fires and excellent food. This is the area for lampreys, a curious breed of water snake that combines the texture of eel with the flavour of woodcock, and is served with rice and a rich Bordelaise sauce. It is a gourmet's heaven, but take great care never to see a lamprey in its live state before

eating one for the first time. After that, love generally triumphs over appearance. Another place that specializes in them, as well as in all local food, is Pensao Vaticana, just along the river at Moncao. You can stay there for £1 a day all in.

This northern part of Portu-

gal has, as I said, wonderful beaches for family holidays. But it is at its best, in my view, for touring at leisure by car. You can hire self-drive ones through B.E.A. at Oporto, and their night flight, by Comet, arrives at the comparatively civilized hour of 10.40 p.m.



Viano do Castelo on the banks of the Rio Lima



Ponte de Lima and a view of the town beyond

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## A Royal night at the ballet

The Queen Mother, with Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon, making their first public appearance since their return from Uganda, attended a Gala Performance given by the Royal Ballet at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, to help the Royal Ballet Benevolent Fund.

Greeting the Princess is the Countess of Drogheda whose husband, the Earl of Drogheda, is Chairman of the Royal Opera House. On the left is Mr. Trevor Jones, Assistant House Manager of the R.O.H. More pictures by Van Hallan and Muriel Bowen's column overleaf

## Royal night at the ballet



Miss Jacqueline Trench, daughter of Lt. Col. the Hon. Dudley Trench, brother and heir of Lord Ashtown



Princess Joan Aly Khan, mother of the Aga Khan. She is the eldest sister of Lord Churston



Viscountess Bearsted, wife of Lord Bearsted, the merchant banker and chairma of the Whitechapel Art Gallery

## The gala and the farewell feast

by Muriel Bowen

In an age when slipshod dressing seems to be the rule rather than the exception, the Royal Gala at Covent Garden—a benefit for the Royal Ballet Benevolent Fund—was a gorgeous and glittering occasion. The Queen Mother and Princess Margaret were in the Royal Box, accompanied by Lord & Lady Porchester; Mr. Anthony Barton (a godfather of Princess Margaret's youngest child); Countess Spencer; and Viscount Eden.

I recognized several dresses from the Dior and Balmain collections, a really superb snowy white lace from Molyneux, and an enchanting pale blue by Belinda Belville. The crush bar at the interval with the soft light of the chandeliers and the rosy red background provided a marvellous setting for showing off pretty clothes. Here I saw Viscount & Viscountess Bearsted; Mr. & Mrs. Chester Beatty; Lady Gloria Flower; Sir Kenneth & Lady Clark; and Sir Leon Bagrit, who finds ballet a relaxation from his world of computers and electronic brains.

After the performance, a lady wearing a small emerald and diamond tiara slipped on the pavement, injuring her head. To hunt for a taxi was hopeless, so a policeman bundled her and her escort into a Black Maria and took them home to Chelsea.

#### SPLENDOURS OF DISSOLUTION

So crowded was the calendar of social events leading up to the end of the London County Council that for weeks beforehand Councillors could be seen at County Hall with diaries in hand, shuffling dates with the ardour of debutantes' mothers.

The Queen came to tea, and opened an exhibition showing highlights of the Council's work. The section dealing with the re-development of the South Bank with the National Theatre, Royal Festival Hall, skyscraper hotel, and riverside walk fascinated her particularly.

The last of a series of parties was a buffet supper for 1,200. Guests walked up an avenue of flowers from the Council's parks arranged on each side of County Hall's white marble ceremonial staircase. Cabinet Ministers, Mayors, pillars of trade and commerce—people so popular on these occasions—were treated to a gastronomic marathon. The menu, printed on 14 inches of white satin, included canapés of anchovy & egg, Scotch salmon, chicken in aspic, and decorated gateaux and petits fours.

## WHEN ETON NEEDED HELP

The Council was always good on food. Recently, Eton, in a pickle with catering in a rapidly changing world, sent the bursar and some housemasters to County Hall in search of answers. But Mr. H. R. Duffield-Harding, genial provider of 1,600,000 meals a week, is prouder of the invalid meals service he has built up for London than of the informal advice he gives to august institutions that seek his help.

This final farewell party was a big enough occasion to drag Mr. James Callaghan, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, from his Budget, then imminent. "I'm not here in my own right, I'm here as a husband," he said with a wry smile. His wife headed a Council sub-committee which cared for some 3,000 deprived children. She is also the only woman Alderman of the Council's successor, the Greater London Council. The President of the Board of Trade,

Mr. Douglas Jay, found himself in the same boat. Mrs. Jay, maker of cogent speeches on long-term future of welfare and children services, has just been put in command of the running of London's some hundred parks the G.L.C.

### STUFFINESS WAS OUT

The image of local government to the young generation is of a lot of ponderous but work elderly men and women who like to look but to King George V and get into fancy dress the drop of a gavel. The L.C.C. was never lithat. To the end it had spark. There was Lot Faringdon explaining to distinguished visites "I'm chairman of the Historical Buildings Structure, but everybody here refers to simply as 'The Historical'." And there was simply as 'The Historical'." And there was simply as 'The Historical' of the Council, at the most skilful politician of them all and was a marvellously developed knack of being dewhen he wanted to be.

LADY PETRIE led for the Tories on seric committees, but touched the warmest spot the Council's heart by successfully campaigner for a Members' Bar. ("It seemed to me prosterous, considering the hours we sat, there was no place where one could go and to a drink.")

Debates could be lively and interesting subjects like the extension of birth confacilities or the banning of smoking in cinet would always fill the chamber. The second confidence would always fill the chamber. The second confusion budget passed quietly, with an of bovine resignation settling on the process of members to the tea room. Lord Garding the Lord Chancellor, was the only individent member in recent years to fill the chamber. The had a disarming way with young, militant to backbenchers. He told their friends outside







The Marquesa de Santa Cruz, wife of the Spanish Ambassador



Mrs. Jack Steinberg, sister of Sir Isaac Wolfson, Bt. Her husband is prominent in the textile industry

Concilhow very able and competent they were!

## RISING ABOVE THE "STATS"

tatal and buildings with a rateable value of the blace with their own individual touch. Sire Louis Gluckstein, Q.C., rising in sections to his great height, added something to the English and tage with his points of order. Mr. Dick and ta

The bigness could be overwhelming. Even so individuals battled for things they particularly ared about, and were greatly admired for loing so. Mrs. IRENE CHAPLIN's concern for the preservation and decoration of ancient buildings they no bounds: "Mr. Chairman, with due espect, it does not matter what members of the committee wear or look like—we're neither distoric buildings nor ancient monuments."

The L.C.C. found itself doing almost as much entertaining as the Government. The Chairman's parties often had something of the tmosphere of the delegates dining-room of the Inited Nations. People came from all over the Yorld to see, and copy, the Council's services. Was once told by an excited Chief Minister in Eingapore that that city disposed of sludge in exactly the same way" as the L.C.C. The Intertaining was often too earnest for many, but hat was not the Council's fault. A couple of Yoreks ago the young Queen of Persia spent the Whole of lunch asking questions on comrehensive education.

## EVERYWHERE, WOMEN

One of the more striking things about the Council in recent years was the role of women. Parliament creamed off the best men (SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME had three former members of the L.C.C. in his Cabinet), but the women tended to remain in local government. The fact that so many of the chairmanships of major committees went to women left visiting Nigerian Emirs speechless and led the Mayor of Moscow to exclaim that the power of the women members was the one thing about the Council that puzzled him.

On the Labour side Mrs. IAN PHILLIPS could reply to a Town Planning debate on occasions not merely with excellence but with brilliance, while Mrs. Evelyn Dennington's speeches on New Towns were masterly. On the Tory side Lady Pepler gave additional depth and point to major planning debates, while the Hon. Mrs. Rose was unusually skilful in bringing any debate back on the rails after it appeared to have gone irretrievably off them.

Capable women, certainly. Decorative, too, sometimes, with Mrs. UNITY LISTER, the COUNTESS OF DARTMOUTH, and Mrs. HAZEL Rose making speeches that were as successful as their hats. Wayward women, too, occasionally. A Vice-Chairman, experiencing the burdens of the chair for the first time, sent a pencilled note to a woman in the back row. It read: "I don't know under what Rule of Order I can stop you eating chocolates—but if you don't stop I'll soon find out!"

## THE BALL THAT GREW

In the end the Ice Pink Ball (in aid of the N.S.P.C.C.) had 600 people, and four bands with a certain rivalry between them. Nothing like this had been anticipated when the idea

was mooted. LADY KILMARNOCK, the chairman, surveyed the crush, and above the thunder of the bands made an observation to her host, Mr. Charles Clore. "Well, Charlie," she said. "I'm afraid you will just have to lend us a bigger place next time." Mr. Clore looked inscrutable.

Ely House isn't exactly a modest town house with its 87 rooms (no bathrooms). Lady Kilmarnock discovered it after reconnaissance of large empty houses in central London, each of which she examined by peering through the keyhole. On further enquiry she found the house was owned by her friend Mr. Clore, who was delighted to lend it. The search of the vacant properties had become urgent when the numbers wishing to take tickets for the ball had already exceeded the proportions of Lady Kilmarnock's not inconsequential pink drawingroom. With the aid of Mr. Peter & Miss CYNTHIA HOWITT, Ely House was decorated with pink murals and bathed in pink light. Four Irish wolfhounds in stone were sprayed pink, given jewelled collars and parked on the front door steps. (One was later popped in a taxi by departing guests and taken away.)

Mrs. NIGEL CAMPBELL; Mrs. SONIA GREENISH; Miss DIANA MACLEOD; the HON. Mrs. LUKE WHITE; and Mrs. DUNCAN McClure made hundreds of pink paper roses as part of the decorations. Later Mr. ROBERT WHEATLEY and COUNT KINSKY were roped in to help, very successfully too, with the same chore.

At this original ball guests included SIR LESLIE & the Hon. LADY GAMAGE; Mr. & Mrs. C. W. CHIPPINDALL-HIGGIN; LORD & LADY GRANTLEY; Mr. & Mrs. BASIL LINDSAY-FYNN; SIR JOHN LANGFORD-HOLT, M.P.; VISCOUNT & VISCOUNTESS VAUGHAN; and Mr. BILLY REESDAVIES, M.P., & Mrs. REES-DAVIES.

## Farewell to the London County Council after 76 years' service

A reception was held at County Hall to mark the passing of the London County Council, which is succeeded by the Greater London Council. The reception was attended both by

The Queen opens an exhibition of the Council's services. Chairman Mr. Arthur Wicks shows her the newly published history of the Council called *Achievement*. Mr. Wicks is a businessman and has represented Shoreditch and Finsbury since 1952

members of the L.C.C. and prominent Londoners outside it. At the final meeting of the L.C.C., chairman Mr. Arthur E. Wicks, J.P., read a message of congratulations from the

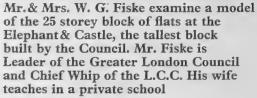
Queen who had opened an exhibition of services offered by the L.C.C called *Achievement* at County Hall the previous week

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Stott. Mr. Stott is the chief engineer of the L.C.C. and, at 37, its youngest chief officer











Mr. & Mrs. Ian Phillips. She was chairman of the Town Planning Committee of the L.C.C. and is now in charge of London's £450 million road programme as chairman of Highways & Traffic in the Great London Council. Mr. Phillips is a architect and a market gardener

Mr. Charles H. Francis talking to some of the staff at the party. For 15 years Mr. Francis has been Ceremonial Officer of the Council. One of his jobs is making arrangements for the entertainment at



Group Captain the Hon. Peter & Mrs. Vanneck examine models of the Woolwich Ferry and a sludge boat, both operated by the Council. Group Captain Vanneck was invited to the party as a representative of the old 601 (County of London) Squadron





The Hon. Mrs. Bennett, daughter of the late Lord Catto, a former Governor of the Bank of England. Her husband, Mr. Francis Bennett, has represented Hampstead on the L.C.C. since 1955 and is the Conservative Chief Whip



Mr. Leslie Leete, chief officer of the London Fire Brigade, and Mr. H. M. Smith, Chief Inspector of Fire Brigades



Mrs. Hazel Rose, a solicitor, who has represented North Islington on the Council since 1952. She is a former chairman of the Roads Committee

## The ladies of Crookham look ahead to Badminton

It was appropriate that the Crookham Horse Trials should have been held on Lady Day for a large measure of success went to the lady riders. The Trials, generally regarded as a try-out for Badminton, took place over Tweseldown race-

course, Aldershot. Winner of the Open Class was Merely-a-Monarch, ridden by Miss Anneli Drummond-Hay. Second was Major Derek Allhusen on Lochinvar, and third Mrs. Sheila Waddington on Glenamoy

Miss J. Garrard clears the first fence of the cross-country course on Emperor Jones. They won the Pony Club Senior Individual Championship in 1964

Miss S. Whitmore clears the Martini bars on Foxdor. They came fourth in the Open Class

Right: Miss C. Sheppard on Fenjirao clears the Waggon Wheels with a spectacular leap







Mrs. Sheila Waddington, the horse

trials rider, on Glenamoy. They came third in the Trials

Miss Lavinia Roberts on Kuckaburra clearing the Waggon Wheels fence



Right: Mrs. T. W. Kopanski takes a stone wall on Little Mermaid



Miss Anneli Drummond-Hay on Merely-a-Monarch. They went on to win the Trials





Mrs. D. Reid on Summer Cloud, successful competitors in several horse trials



The Ice Pink Ball, given to benefit the N.S.P.C.C., was held at Ely House, Dover Street, Mayfair. Chairman of the ball was Lady Kilmarnock (above with Lord Kilmarnock in the long corridor) and the house was used by permission of Mr. Charles Clore (dancing with Mrs. Robin Pleydell-Bouverie, bottom picture). As well as a cabaret given by Eartha Kitt there was also a fashion show, a feature of which was a spectacular display of jewellery from leading London shops, worn not only by the models but also used in the decor (evident on the statue behind Mr. David Ashton-Bostock and his fiancee Miss Victoria White, below) and on the collars of dogs guarding the entrance





## Letter from Scotland by Jessie Palmer

Lady Primrose, who is County President of the City of Edinburgh Girl Guides, was in the city recently attending the opening of a new Guides' Hall. She tells me that from August the family will be shifting its headquarters from London to Dalmeny House on the banks of the Forth. "We're not returning to Scotland," said Lady Primrose, "because we've never really been away. We've always spent rather protracted holidays here."

Dalmeny House, in which the family has a flat, is the home of the Earl & Countess of Rosebery, Lord Primrose's parents. The Primroses have four young daughters-Lucy (9), Jane (4), Emma (2) and baby Caroline, who is just four months. The two middle children, I gather, are particularly enthusiastic about coming to live in Scotland and the Hon. Emma has special affinities with it, for she is the only one of the children to have been born in Scotland. The Hon. Lucy is keenest about the prospect of unlimited opportunities for riding. "So we bought her a pony yesterday—it's a bit of a bribe," said Lady Primrose.

She herself says that though, of course, she will miss London, she is very much looking forward to coming to Dalmeny. She and her husband expect to become more involved in things Scottish when they are living up here. At present Lady Primrose's principal Scots commitments are to the City of Edinburgh Girl Guides and the Midlothian Red Cross, of which she is a vice-president.

### For the mentally handicapped

Wine and cheese parties are gaining popularity in Scotland. At the moment they are about the most popular way of raising money for any good cause. A very happy one was held in Edinburgh, with Lady Bruce as hostess, to raise money for the Camphill Villages Association. This organization is doing excellent work for mentally handicapped young adults who can live useful and happy lives in the villages it maintains and work in sheltered workshops. There is only one such village in Scotland at present-at Newton Dee-and all the money for its support comes from the Association's Edinburgh Region. I realized just how much good this organization is doing when I spoke to a widow whose son is at Newton Dee. The relief she feels to know that her son will be looked after there for his whole life is tremendous-and very touching.

The wine and cheese party had over 10 guests who were also able to enjoy fabulous furs from Arnold Seftor and equally fabulous furnishing fabrics from Galloways. Mr. Seftor very generously gave a fur cape to be raffled Lady Bruce, who is patron of the Edinburgh Region, received the guests with Lord Kill brandon, chairman of the Region. A number of Lord Kilbrandon's legal colleagues attended including Lord Milligan and Lord & Lad Fraser. Lady Kilbrandon, who is a memberal the committee, was there with her husband Lady Bruce brought her sister-in-law, Lat Martha Bruce. Lady Martha is Commande W.R.A.C., Highland Division.

Lady Bruce tells me that her husband whoi Grand Master Mason for Scotland-thes is his final year in the office—is at present touring East and South Africa meeting Scottis Masons. He expects to be home at the begit ning of May.

### Studying in Scotland

A current visitor from New York to the Bords town of Selkirk is Miss Suzanne Messenge who has the unusual distinction of being Fulbright Scholar in fabric design. In New York she is a designer for a well-known worsted at woollen manufacturing firm. "I chose to cor to Britain because of the industry being terrific here," she told me. "The styling superb in Scotland."

For Miss Messenger fabric design is a secon career. She used to be an associate buyer Macy's then, at 27, she suddenly became in of retailing. "I'd always complained about the fabrics of clothes being so ugly," she told " "So I thought perhaps I should do something about it, so I went off and learned weaving From weaving she graduated to designing now she is working two days a week in one the Border mills and another three at a text college in Galashiels. "I feel my work is op" ing out and becoming more creative since have been here," she told me happily. "I wonderful to be with people who are interest in what they are doing and interested that you should learn. I just couldn't ask for me co-operation.'

Miss Messenger is hoping to see something of Scotland later in the spring. Principal a bition, to visit Aberdeen. "I don't know will I've no connections with it, but I just want see it."



## FIGURE IN A LANDSCAPE

The figure in the landscape is that of a painter whose background and environment exercise a profound influence on his style. *Tatler* art critic Robert Wraight describes him as a romantic and the statement can be put to the test at an exhibition of Josef Herman's work in London next week. Meantime a comparison is made in these pages between the painter's home setting and his pictures. Photographs by Michael Peto

## FIGURE IN A LANDSCAPE









Above: Herman's picture Man By The Sea is reminiscent of the powerful figures that earned him the name of the miner's painter. Next to it, Harvester, and (top) Man Weeding, both from the exhibition, betray the influence of the Suffolk background. Farm Hand with Cup of Tea (above right) is also pure Suffolk in the Herman genre

OUGHT to have learned years ago that you cannot put routine questions to artists, genuine artists that is, and get neat, easily reportable answers. Experience ought to have taught me that even to a stock question like: "What effect has your environment had on your work?" there are as many answers as there are artists. And in putting that particular question to Josef Herman at his home near Sudbury, Suffolk, I was being particularly foolish because I was probably in a better position to answer it than he was. I knew well his work of the past 15 years or more and I had just come from a preview of the pictures he will be showing next week at Roland, Browse & Delbanco's gallery. It is three years since Herman's last one-man show in London and nearly all these pictures have been painted since he went to live at Little Cornard in 1962. In them, then, lies the answer to my question. But before I try to put a finger on it, and in case there is anyone who is not familiar with the foreign-sounding name of this artist who has held a place among Britain's top ten painters for a decade, a word first about the man himself.

He was born in Warsaw, the son of a cobbler, shortly before the First World War. He was reborn (the word is his own) when he came to this country, via Belgium, in 1940. He went first to Glasgow then to London and, in 1944, to Wales. During his first three years here he was obsessed by bitter-sweet memories of his childhood and of a way of life that was then being ruthlessly destroyed. "I knew

that it was a doomed world, one that a never survive the disaster that had overtoo it, and I was drawn to depict all that could remember of it as faithfull as chronicler," he says.

His pictures of this period were filled with symbolism drawn from Jewish folklore tradition and with ghetto types that he h known intimately. But, inevitably, when the were shown at his first London exhibition 1943, many people thought they had be created under the influence of Chagalla failed to see the personal suffering and first hand experience that had gone into them was about this time that he suddenly stopp looking back, gave up dreaming about t past and began to long for something mo constructive, to look outwards instead of wards, to "cry out for a new belief in hum dignity

In 1944 he found what he was searching: in a Welsh mining village where "new mo and ideas, new atmospheres and forms, hold of me with such strength that they will off the earlier three years of my preoccu tion with solely Jewish themes, as off a bla bcard." He stayed there for 11 years, the miners as his friends and models, and p duced a large quantity of pictures-past oils and drawings—of tremendous pc Through them he became known as painter of miners. His obsession with thes ject was unique. Certainly no artist in country had ever found it so inspiring. though it may seem strange that it was to a Pole (Herman did not become a Brit









Above: the artist reclines alongside a pond, complete with ducks: in the grounds of Holly Lodge. Above right: Herman has become a countryman. Here he talks with local farm workers who had been pruning fruit trees in a nearby orchard. Top left: the artist at work; in the background African primitive sculptures, in the artist's mouth a sculptured pipe. Top right: the artist at ease in the dining room of Holly Lodge, a Victorian rectory at Little Cornard, Suffolk. With him are his children Sara,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , and David, 7. On the walls are drawings by Rodin, Josef Israels and Constantin Guys

skies. They were often sad but seldom gloomy, an indefinable warmth of spirit pervaded the landscapes and enveloped the dark figures.

By the early 1950's it looked as though Herman would stay forever in his beloved village with the curious name, Ystradgynlais. He was "the miners" artist." Where else could he go except, perhaps, to another mining area? But by 1955 the climate of the dank valleys had so affected his health that he returned to London. He continued at first to make paintings from the store of drawings he had brought from Wales. Then came visits to Spain and France and Portugal that produced new subjects—the peasants and the fishermen of those countries. They, too, appeared in his pictures as stocky and square and energypacked. They, too, were symbols, monuments to the "dignity of human labour" in which he fervently believed and, at the same time, the keystones in the strong formal designs of his pictures. The tones of his landscapes became a little lighter but his palette was little changed, earth colours still pre-

Comparing these pictures with his most recent works it is clear that his move to Suffolk has already brought about changes in his style that are more radical than even he, perhaps, is aware of. The remarkable luminosity of his painting, achieved by patient skill in the old-masterish technique of glazing, is now made even more remarkable by the use of rich reds and blues and greens in some pictures. These additions to his palette are the most obvious change but much more

significant are the subtle changes that have begun to come over his figures.

In the years between the end of the war and 1962 Herman was slowly and unwittingly becoming a romantic rather than an expressionist artist. The change was being brought about not by him but by his favourite subjects. Since he had first looked at the miners in the Swansea Valley and seen solid symbols of labour, trade union activity, legislation and mechanization had been altering the true image of miners and agricultural workers, at least in this country, till its resemblance to the Herman ideal-worker and, through him, to the noble peasants of those artists like Millet and Israels whom he admired, had almost completely vanished.

Immersed, as he always was, in his work and in his idealism Herman seems to have been unaware of this vanishing trick till he went to Suffolk. But there contact with the men who work in the fields, that stretch as far as the eye can see around his house and studio, has given him a less godlike view of those who till and reap and, no doubt, of those who hew coal. They may still be stocky and squarish but more and more his figures are becoming individuals of flesh and blood, instead of monumental symbols. That farmhand with the cup of tea, for example, he's no symbol, is he? Or perhaps he is, a symbol of the new-style agricultural worker, a man who can drive and maintain a tractor, who gets nearly a fair day's wage for an eighthour day, who lives in a council house with mod. cons. and does the Pools every Thursday.

national till 1946) to be first to explore fully this artistically fertile field it is evident from the pictures that a Herman miner is much more than a Welsh miner, or a British miner or even a miner of any other country. He is, for the artist, a symbol not only of all miners but of all men who labour.

In his paintings the wiry little Welshman of tradition became a stocky, power-packed monolith (an image of the artist himself, who answers this description?) set down, like a troglodyte, in a twilight world of brooding mountains topped by burnt-gold or violet

Barbara Cartland, long-time champion of women's rights in a good many fields of human endeavour, puts the case for glamour and detects in these fast-changing times the indications of

A New

Romantic

Revival

The pictures taken by
Tony Evans of people and
places in and around
London amply support
her hopeful view

Opposite page: Barbara Cartland photographed at her home at Essendon, Hertfordshire.
Miss Cartland has now published the impressive total of 105 books, 79 of them best-selling novels. Her wide-ranging interests have included activities on behalf of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem—she is a Commander of the Order—the fight for better conditions and salaries for midwives and nurses and help for old people

IN the last several years Romance has been ridiculed, abused, sneered at or ignored by stage, cinema, television and the press. But today there are straws in the wind to suggest that after a holocaust of sarcasm, debunking and cynicism romance is rising like a phoenix.

@ASES in point include the success of My Fair Lady both on stage and screen, the soft chiffons and feminine curls from the Paris spring collections, the box office receipts of Robert and Elizabeth and the fantastic fortnight of Marlene Dietrich.

fantastic fortnight of Marlene Dietrich. All these are pointers to a revival or rather a re-birth of romance. After all, we can't sink any lower in what we see, hear or say.

GSPEAK for the majority of women when I assert that we are sick and tired of hearing sex sneered at and ridiculed: of listening to men—young and old—talk on television programmes in a way which, in our grandfathers' day, used to be confined to the smoking room or when the ladies had withdrawn from the dining room.

DOES that sound old-fashioned? If it does I still say there isn't a woman born who does not want to be treated like "a lady" while to be obliged to laugh at schoolboy smut because it is a late night television programme, or to find that nearly every heroine in every play in London is a prostitute, is to feel personal humiliation

BUT women themselves are to blame for this state of affairs. Since the first primitive caveman endowed woman with magic because she was the source of fertility, to the Greeks who worshipped her as a goddess, to the Romans who made her the Mother figure—the Matriarch—woman has always had the power to set the standard of human behaviour.

In her struggle for emancipation woman has since sacrificed her magic, her allure and her mystery for what she calls equality. Instead of being an inspiration to man she has preferred to offer herself as a sex symbol. In this she has been overwhelmingly successful. So much so in fact that it is now apparently impossible even to sell a brand of toothpaste or the most unmentionable articles of everyday life without involving sex. The cost to woman, however, is incalculable.

The bottom of it all lies woman's decision to chuck chastity overboard which started with her bid for freedom in the First World War. It was understandable after centuries of restriction and control, but because in every man's heart there is an unshakable conviction that a good woman is a pure woman, chastity is indissolubly linked with decency, good manners and courtesy.

WHAT does the long-suffering and unvinced that the average British male is embarrassed by sex and dislikes it talked about and mouthed over, while the average woman wants to watch beauty and glamour because it is a physiological fact that women identify themselves with what they see and hear.

HEN I was a Services Welfare Officer during the war and it was a struggle to get magazines of any sort, the A.T.S. and W.A.A.F.'s at the secret stations in Bedfordshire used to beg me to get them the *Tatler*. It seemed a strange choice until I realized that these women in their ugly uniforms and flat-heeled shoes were starved for glamour and romance.

GODAY the uniforms have gone but women themselves haven't changed. They don't really enjoy being told if they won't sleep with a man the moment he asks them that he'll "find another bird," They don't really think petting is a substitute for being wooed and courted. But they are only just waking up to the fact that to get romance, a man has to have something tangible to feel romantic about Long, straight hair badly in need of a wash, over-tight woollen sweaters, trousers which never suited any woman, and kinky boots may make a man feel sexy but they don't evoke in him a halfpenny worth of romance.

ASK the average adult woman whom she really admires and she'll say Marlene Dietrich, the Queen Mother, Audrey Hepburn, Elizabeth Taylor or Princess Grace. Every one of these is a romantic, glamorous figure and overwhelmingly feminine. What is glamour then? It is an aura of beauty when one needn't be beautiful; it is an intangible magic indivisibly connected with grace and charm. It is something that makes women wildly attractive at any age. It is an allure which evokes in man an idealistic emotion that, for want of a better word, is called romantic love.

To be glamorous a woman doesn't need a profile like Garbo's, eyes like Brigitte Bardot's, or a mouth like Jane Forda's Glamour can, and does, increase with the years, as with Zena Dare who is more entrancing at well over 70 than she was in her 20s. Or Marlene Dietrich who is infinitely more breath-taking at 60 than ever she was in top hat and black stockings in The Blue Angel.

WE have only to look back in history to see what women have achieved by being womanly women. Elizabeth I bull up the power and greatness of England by the courtiers who adored and revered her. They dared great deeds for he personally. For her they sailed the seven seas and brought back the spoils of wa and piracy to lay them at her feet. Would Elizabeth have succeeded so admirable without the glamour of her dignity, he clothes, her wigs, her jewels? "I have the body of a weak and feeble woman," she said in her famous speech at Tilbun but she—the Virgin Queen—was woman who made men's hearts bea faster and aroused their imagination so that they lifted their eyes to the stars to serve her.

It is imagination that makes men and women different from an imals. Love, which transforms the natural act of procreation into something divine and beautiful, is (Continued on page 92)









infused and kept alive by the ideology of the mind. Practically every country in the world has now adopted the ideal that for each man and each woman there is somewhere a counterpart with whom they will "fall in love." In fact "Mr. Right and "the only girl in the world" represent the almost universal faith of the modern generation.

BUT there has never been an age when there was more lust and less love in the relationship between men and women and woman who is the worst suffered can only blame herself. She has thrown away her modesty and with it the whole power and purpose of womanhood, it is place she has the doubtful privilege of being treated like a second-rate pseudoman.

greatest asset has always been he adaptability and her resourcefulness. She has survived the persecution of the ear. Christian Church, the medieval with hunts and the domination of the Victorial home. Today I believe women realize, not in their battle for legal supremacy over the male, they have gone too far. Instinctive they are getting ready to use when he always been their strongest and most invincible weapon—femininity.

on the pedestal which has reer spattered with mud and scribbled a one with dirty words. It will not be easy to see away the perversions which have are emerged in every era when women take ceased to inspire men to nobility. It can be done, but only if women can once a jair substitute romance for sex, ideals to equality and love for lust.

The Hon. Sarah Ward helps on Saturdays at Trad, the shop in the Portobello Road owned by her mother, Viscountess Bangor. Trad purveys an atmosphere of romantic nostalgia combined with a practical air. Items for sale include splendidly prancing horses from fairground carrousels, outsize gilt lettering from ancient shop displays and memorable curiosities like the Stephens' Ink thermometer in the picture. Opposite page: Norman Hartnell (top) is probably still the most romantic name in the world of British haute couture. Deservedly so since his clothes have always been designed for women at their most feminine. Right: the talents of the balladeer, more properly troubadour, have been in demand since medieval times and before. They survive most trends and are currently represented at a high point in the hit parade by Val Doonican with The Special Years. He was photographed from a television screen





Caroline Hamilton-Fleming (above) manages the Bistro de Boulogne ir. Gerrard Street where a French-Edwar 🕬 decor and candlelight set the mood. David Hicks (top left) photographed i suitably romantic surroundings at hi Oxfordshire home, has done more than most to make the surroundings we live a" more pleasant to live with. In public places his decor has been seen to advantage in the Peter Evans chain of eating houses. One private client was the late Helena Rubinstein for whom he designed a bathroom (see next week Tatler). Latest commissions have includes redecorating rooms for the Prince of Wales and Princess Anne at Windsor. The Biba Boutique (left) sells fashions at 87, Abingio Road, W.8, in an ambience of Victorian fernery and bentwood hatstands. Owners at fashion artist Barbara Hulanicki and her husband, Stephen Fitzsimon.

Opposite page: Film man Stan Hayward (top left) has a romantic-satiric approach to cartoon humour evidenced in works like Love Me Love Me,

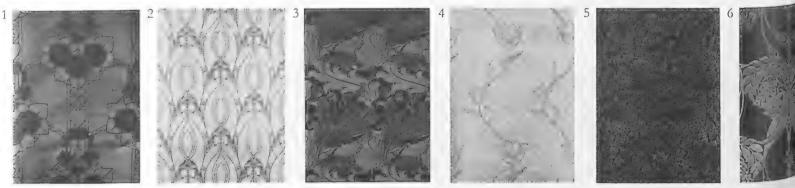
The Rise and Fall of Emily Sprod and

One Man Band.

Mary Hocking (top right) is picked by
Tatler book reviewer Oliver Warner as his choice for the representative romantic writer. Miss Hocking's success began with The Sparrow, has continued with two other books. A third, The Young Spaniard was published by Chatto & Windus at 21s. last month. Laurie Lee (right) is a romantic poet who eschews sentimentally Like many another poet he is better know to the wider world for work in prose, the lilting, best-selling Cider With Rosie









COUNTERSPY BY ANGELA INCE

## ROMANTIC AND CLASSICAL

Dark romantic looks need the right background. Even Byron would have found it hard to murmur in liquid lines mellifluously bland against a crisp background of hessian or grass wallpaper. So for girls who plan to walk in beauty like the night, we present 12 romantic wallpapers with roots in the past. Some are from original blocks, some have had their colours updated, some just look traditional, but all are pretty good for lolling against in clinging chiffon. Bill Monaghan photographed them at Syon Lodge, Isleworth

- 1 Sharply stylized pinky-brown roses against a blue background; one of Coles' 1890 blocks with new colours chosen by Cecil Beaton for room settings in My Fair Lady, 59s. 6d. plus p.t., from Coles of Mortimer Street (for two other samples see below)
- 2 Turtle doves and tulips etched in grey on a white background, 31s. 6d., from Coles
- 3 Dark brown and green Art Nouveau leaves, 82s. 6d., from Coles
- 4 Pink tulips on a green and white background; a William Morris paper from Sanderson's, £7 14s.
- 5 Plum-red thicket of flowers and birds, 37s. plus p.t.,
- 6 Edwardian flock paper in grey and blue, designed by Voysey, Sanderson's, 124s.
- 7 Black flock roses on gold and black background, Sanderson's, 154s.
- 8 Two fabrics used by Jon Bannenberg for wallcoverings; "Midsummer", a blaze of flowers, approx. 33s. a yard, from Marble & Lemon
- 9 Pale yellow flowers on semi-glazed chintz with a matching drift of chiffon for curtains. Marble & Lemon 10 Three washable papers from America in traditional patterns; Rose Damask, in brown, yellow and red,
- 11 Bombay, red and green on white, 42s. 3d.
- 12 Potpourri, pink and blue on white, 48s. All these papers are from Elizabeth Eaton, Basil Street, and carry a 10 per cent surcharge















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ION BY UNITY BARNES. This summer's lingerie is all fragile, cobwebby, featherweight stuff, inntial as air but with a hidden pliancy and strength. Weightless foundations, lacy negligées, flowery silky-fine cottons are all part of the meltingly pretty look of to-day. Photographs by Barry Lategan



A double layer of hyacinth blue Bri-nylon makes a short nightdress, topped with Alencon lace; its matching negligée has a flat lace collar and sleeves. By Wolsey Vanity Fair, nightdress, £3 19s. 11d., negligée £5 10s. at Gorringes; Beatties, Wolverhampton; Kendal Milne, Manchester





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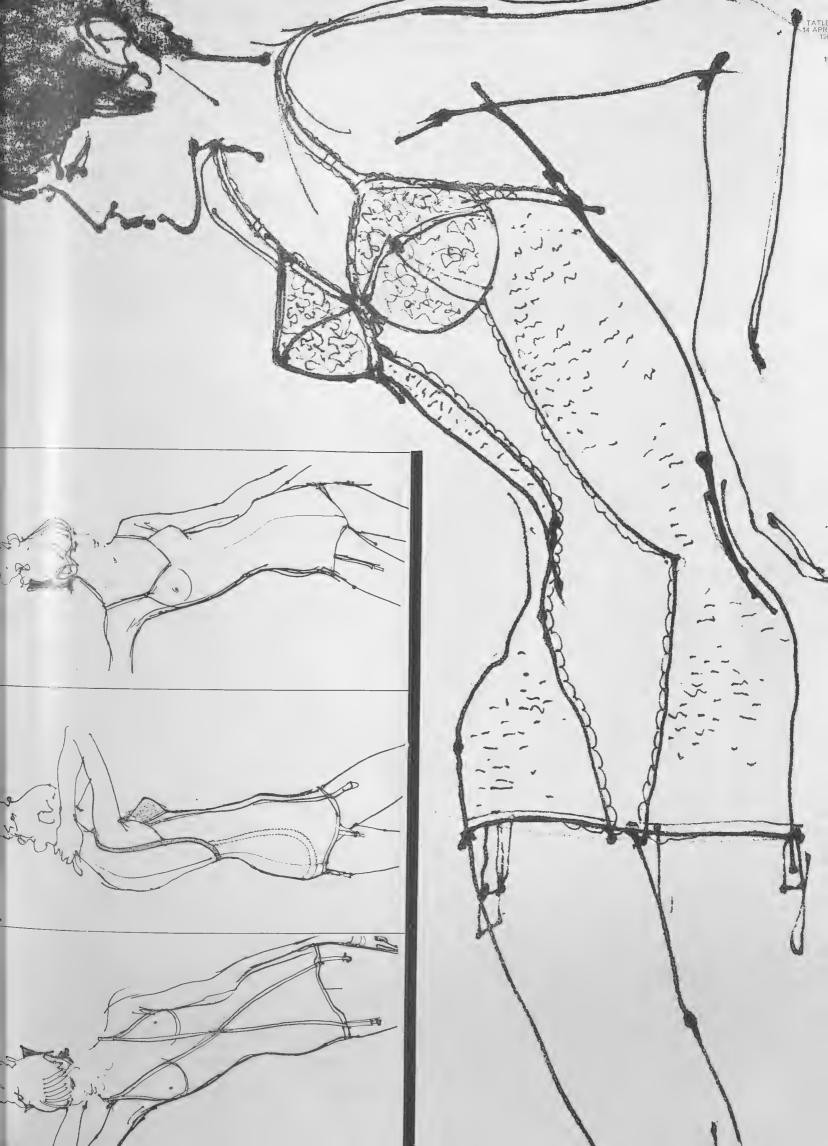
1 A slinky slip in white

nylon tricot with top and side insets of stretch lace.

By Peter Pan, £2 2s. 6d. at

bra and girdle, Bra 8½ gns., girdle, 14 gns., made to measure at Rigby & Peller, 12 South Molton St. 3 A long-line bra in white quisette, which runs non-stretch satin front panel and nylon lace bra. By Youthlines, 4 gas. of pase of pases. & Snelgrove, Southport; 2 Roses are printed on nylon and Lycra for a pretty, lightly wired plunge Lycra and Bri-nylon marsmoothly on into a Brinylon waist slip. By Gossard, £3 6s., at D. H. Evans: McDonalds, Clasgow by Charmis in white 5 The "no-bra" bra with the Gernreich for Exquisite Form, 5 gns., at John Barker; Peter Robinson, Dickins & Jones; Marshall Frank Mason, Ipswich Chantilly lace over pale blue nylon, bra, 6½ gns., belt, 6½ gns. at Rose Lewis, no-front plunge, on an all-in-one corselette of power net. By Rudi Norwich, 1 May 6 Corselette in white nylon lace and Lycra with a bra top that folds away. The at Marshall & Snelgrove; Browns of Chester in June 8 Pull-on corselette in airy white Lycra lace with a 4 Bra and suspender belt back dips deeply from straps. By Flexees, 7½ gns. Glasgow "body stocking," newest in Lycra spandex, with a pre-formed bra. 7½ gns. transparent nylon tricot and sheer Lycra spandex at Dickins & Jones; Marshall & Snelgrove, Southport; McDonalds, 7 Warner's revolutionary skin-toned lightweigh

Sketches by Stemp







There's romance of the nostalgic variety at the Prince Charles Theatre but it's nostalgia of the rich, rollicking, rumbustious variety as purveyed Fielding's Music Hall Revue by such noted neo-Edwardians as Clive Dunn and Mrs. Shufflewick. The theatre with the music hall flavour start almost on the same site as the old Sans Souci Theatre built in 1793 by Charles Dibdin, the songwriter and dramatist.

#### TATEEN IT AT THE 1995

# on plays

Pat Wallace / At the end of a tether

The first thing to observe about Mr. Tennessee Williams is that hereally is, essentially and professionally, a playwright. He is not a novelist turning from time to time to the theatre and he is not a writer of dramatized tracts or Plays with a Message. He is brilliantly, successfully and often most provocatively a man of the theatre in his own America and over here. The Night of the Iguana, now at the Savoy, proves all this and also that he has a high degree of technical proficiency.

Having said this, I will add that the refastidious may be repelled isolated moments in the n play and that Mr. Williams lakes his effects so strongly at, within the frameplay, one character work of . olently to another's reacts so speech t she is required to tage, ostensibly to leave tl ne has known all throw u kinds c ddities treated in

Mr. Williams' work and known that he is capable of introducing anything from mental decay to cannibalism if that is what he thinks the story needs. Here he touches on knicker fetishism and coprophilia, neither of them really engaging subjects. But these are just shock tactics and his plays depend not on them but on their fineness of construction for acceptance and success.

The action of the play takes place in a seedy, happy-golucky hotel on the sub-tropical coast of western Mexico, a setting of half-shabby, halfluxuriant plant growth that is admirably conveyed by Mr. Peter Farmer's suitably lush design that suggests a partial breakdown of hotel conventions through laziness rather than poverty. The place is owned and lackadaisically run by one Maxine, a tightly jeaned widow lady who expects a good deal of extra-curricular attention from her beachboys. A busload of lady tourists breaks down nearby and their guide, an unfrocked priest, decides to desert them in favour of a visit to his old friend Maxine. Only two of the tourists follow him: an alarming predatory young girl and her possessive chaperone, a female neatly and lucidly described in the American idiom as a "butch" type.

To the hotel also come a 90year-old itinerant poet and his granddaughter, a spinster who travels with him and helps to make a tiny income by sketches of hotel guests. The play resolves itself into a study of the odd relationship and the curiously deep understanding between this cool, philosophic woman and the tough, hard drinking, ex-reverend Larry Shannon. Theirs is never a love affair in any ordinary sense but an exchange of problems, of physical and moral difficulties during which they discover each other and seem to stop for a moment in their journeys —his reckless and self-destroying, hers calm and dedicatedto create a temporary oasis of something more than sympathy. But this point of

balance is destined not to last. Her grandfather dies. She will take up her pitiful travelling. Larry will stay with Maxine but, like the iguana the beachboys have captured and have cut free, some of their frustrations will have been clarified and some vanished for

good. The playwright has drawn these two human beings with a compassion that is as unsentimental as it is profound and they exist during these brief hours in the theatre with an electric reality. Mr. Mark Eden as Larry, full of passion and cussedness, is excellent, but Miss Sian Phillips, as the poet's serene granddaughter, gives a performance that is unforgettable. This is her evening almost as much as it is Mr. Williams' and quite certainly it becomes a triumph for her.

Powerful is a term customarily used of this playwright's work and with reason: tenderness is another less expected but equally valid attribute. I would call this a "must" for any theatregoer who is not simply looking for the anodyne of an undemanding play.





Vivien Leigh (above), lent by Mrs. Barrington, and Lady In A Black Hat, lent by the Queen Mother, from the Loan Exhibition of Augustus John drawings at the Upper Grosvenor Galleries. The exhibition, which continues to the end of the month, is in aid of the Augustus John Memorial Appeal

# on films

#### Elspeth Grant / The soul-searchers of Ravenna

Michelangelo Antonioni uses colour for the first time in The Red Desert. It is, I think, the most beautiful colour I have ever seen-certainly, when he uses it straight, the truestand I could have fallen into a trance of pure pleasure over the film had it not been for the typically non-communicating, introverted, Antonioni characters which infest it. Against the intensely real background of a modern industrial city (Ravenna, marvellously presented), the problems with which they are preoccupied seem, to me at least, totally unreal. If only, I thought irritably, they'd snap out of their egocentricity, these dreary people could be perfectly happy-but then, of course, it wouldn't be an Antonioni film.

Richard Harris, a glumly handsome mining engineer from Trieste, comes to Ravenna to hire workers for a construction project in Patagonia. He looks tough, strong-willed, firm of purpose, but he's forever fretfully wishing he were somewhere else and asking himself (Richard Harris, yet!) "How should I live?"—a question to which there's no answer, unless it's "For Heaven's sake, just get on with the job of being alive."

He meets an electronics engineer, Carlo Chionetti, and his wife, Monica Vitti, an actress of whom Antonioni can never have enough, though I can, easily. As the result of a car accident, Miss Vitti has become a neurotic. Her husband has grown accustomed to her megrims and wastes no time on her, understandably preferring, when at home, to play with their little son, a bright child who keeps jolly robot toys in his bedroom.

Mr. Harris is quite fascinated by Miss Vitti, who shows a vague, groping interest in him, too. They wander about together, brooding over the elusive nature of reality. Reality is something with which they are both (it struck me as wilfully) out of touch. In Mr. Chionetti's absence on a business trip, his bored childpresumably to attract Miss Vitti's attention—pretends his legs are paralysed. The discovery that he has been fooling her throws Miss Vitti. She storms off to Mr. Harris's hotel where, after a good deal of her non-communicating groaning and writhing, the only possible

thing Mr. Harris thinks she needs is a tumble in the hay. They tumble.

The shock of having committed a reality—adultery—is too much for both of them. Mr. Harris (I think I'm right) takes off for foreign parts and Miss Vitti spends the night teetering about the docks, looking at ships and chatting inanely to a seaman who doesn't understand a word she's saving but clearly hopes for the best. Even an unhinged woman is better than none when you've been too long a-voyaging. Nothing comes of the encounter —but nothing, in an Antonioni film, ever comes of anything. Next morning Miss Vitti is out walking with her son, like a perfectly normal mother. Here the film ends.

There is much in the film to mystify, and in the use of indicate mood colour to and atmosphere interiorily-Mr. Harris's bedroom walls blush mauve-pink in the love scene—I thought Antonioni was being unnecessarily precious. He and his brilliant photographer, Carlo de Palma, are best when they concentrate on evocative exteriors—a sodden landscape, a grey street, and such industrial landmarks as a huge oil refinery belching out steam or a regiment of skyward-reaching, gigantic, free-standing aerials for (in a workman's magic phrase) "listening to the stars." Here the colour is inexpressibly dramatic, thrilling—perfect.

Ingmar Bergman uses colour, too-delicate pastels, mostlyin his insufferably coy comedy, Now About these Women, a highly stylized 1920-ish romp which conclusively proves that humour is not Mr. Bergman's strong suit. (It isn't any Swede's strong suit, for that matter.) Does, somebody asked me, Mr. Bergman dislike critics? I don't see why he should, as most of them (I exclude myself) treat him and his works with something approaching reverence, but he is possibly not satisfied with the praise of the "style rather than content" boys and wants to be loved wholly or not at all.

An odious music critic (played as a pretentious ninny by Jarl Kulle) is writing a biography on a distinguished cellist whom he has never met. An attempt to make contact with the maestro (after all, a biographer should know

whether or not his subject has a squint) lands Mr. Kulle at the cellist's gorgeous country house, which is over-run with "wives," mistresses, importunate female students and amorous maids, all jealous of one another and, if feeling neglected by their idol, ready to leap into bed with any male visitor.

The biographer-critic has composed a trifle (called, if I remember correctly, "Fish Dreams or Abstraction 14") which he hopes the cellist will play at a gala radio performance—and here Mr. Bergman rather implies that critics are blackmailers at heart. If the maestro scorns Mr. Kulle's composition, he will, Mr. Kulle firmly states, die biography-

less and be speedily forgotte. The intimidated cellist, who we never see face to face, do die—at the thought of having to prostitute his talent for the sake of posterity—and is in mediately forgotten anyhous as a new young musicial arrives on the scene and is stantly enslaves all the definition of the same of the pretties and the worthless, unreliable, stuperitic who's only out to feath his own nest by battening of genius.

Eva Dahlbeck, Harriet Andersson, Bibi Andersson and number of others from the Bergman circus figure in the infuriating film—the music motif of which is "Yes, Whave No Bananas." Me, I'm no patience.



Television comedians Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise make their file debut in Rank's The Intelligence Men. Francis Matthews (left) their baffled superior

# on books

Oliver Warner/The early days

A chorus of praise has already acclaimed Winston Churchill as I Knew Him, by Lady Violet Bonham Carter (Eyre and Spottiswoode 45s.) This is proper, for it is a noble book. Lady Violet, daughter of the Liberal Prime Minister, Herbert Asquith, who did so much for Churchill, believed so firmly in him, and gave him his first really big chances politically, was spell-bound by his personality from their first meeting. She quoted lines of Blake's at him, and was startled by his reply: "I never knew that that old admiral had found time to write such good poetry!" The book ends with Churchill at one of the lowest points in his public life—resigned from the Admiralty, with the Dardanelles campaign in ruins. The second volume may prove to be

the equal of the first: it could scarcely better it.

What a sad contrast is Edith Sitwell's autobiography Takes Care Of (Hutchinson 30s.) must be among the author's worst books: scrappy, arrogan! and by no possible chance could it enhance her reputation Some of the illustrations an striking, and even worth pre serving, but the mood, by and large, is peevish and trivial and the writing of a kind that makes it hard to realize that there are many good judge who consider that the best the author's verse will stan the attrition of time.

One of the less engaging passages in Dame Edith's woll refers to D. J. Enright, who novel Figures of Speed (Heinemann 21s.) has given least one reader much pleasure

Set in the far East, the story revolves round three odd characters, Chung Lu, a Hong Kong Chinese of scholarly inclinations, Mattie, a secretary with a Singapore background to whom he is attracted, and George Lester, an English professor belonging to one of those cultural and educational agencies which sometimes make life more complicated than it need be. This is a comedy of entanglements, notable for the delineation, in Chung Lu, of a character who, surviving so much nonsensical attention with buoyancy intact, would. one feels, survive anything.

The Tender Conspiracy by Eric Lambert (Muller 13s. 6d.) is a brief tale without a superfluous word, and with some admirable line drawings by Iris Schweitzer to set it off. It is about an eccentric in a country town in Australia. He has the lowliest jobs, and is devoted to children. Little devils in those parts, they torment him, but before the end of the book. when tragedy overtakes Toowoomba (for that is the hero's odd name) the best of the brats turn up trumps and help him to end his days, not in a blaze of glory, but in a way he finds good. I won't give away the dénouement, for this is a moving andconvincingstorythatpeople will like to savour for them-

No blurb is affixed to the new (and last?) James Bond, for it Ian is quite unnecessary. Fleming's The Man with the Golden Gun (Cape 18s.) starts off with the attempted murder of the head of M.I.5 by a brain-washed Bond, and ends in a Jamaican swamp, in the purlieus of which a by now "treated" hero attends the last moments of two very nasty pieces of work, and as usual nearly gets done in himself. I'm glad he refused a K.C.M.G. Such pomp wouldn't have done at all. This is not tip-top Bond, but high up.

ler is Adam Hall's 'The Berlin Memorandum (Collins 18s.). This time it is Nazi-revival danger, and a few of the same gadgets appear, naturally enough, as in the Fleming series. Quiller is the name of the agent—one to remember and his quest is Heinrich Zossen, Jew-killer. The atmosphere is a bit more taut even than in Fleming, the plot is as neat as a cat, and I rate it A.1 in its highly sophisticated kind.

Briefly ... Now is the appropriate stage to mention the real thing as opposed to the fiction. The Meaning of Treason, by Rebecca West (Penguin 5s.) might be described as a classic book of victims, not of the Bonds and Quillers but of themselves. This reprint, revised, brings the sad procession up to the Keeler-Ward era . . . A good story with a Spanish background and plenty of action as well as romance (not of the soppy variety) is Mary Hocking's The Young Spaniard (Chatto & Windus 21s.). The author pleases in her characterization and she conveys the very smell of Iberia.

If, as I do, you like pretending to make out mathematical puzzles. Adventures in Mathematics by Douglas St. Paul Barnard (Pelham Books 21s.) is good for a spell of fun. And what you can do with dominoes, if you try hard enough, gets a whole chapter to itself . . . "Huge, and black and formidable the gorillas are, but also shy, entertaining, and one would think the most likable of all great apes"-thus the publisher of The Year of the Gorilla, by George Schaller (Collins 30s.); having digested the author's account of his Congo adventures, and admired his pictures, I'm inclined to agree . . . Several Simenons have been added lately to the Penguin list. One of the best is Black Rain (5s.), which consists of two long stories, the shorter and better about a Nor-Another secret service thrile mandy childhood.

on galleries

Robert Wraight / The bigger they come

I have often moaned here about the lack of sense of scale exhibited by so many of today's painters, about the commonly held belief that great size is in itself a virtue. It is, of course, a criticism that applies equally to sculptors and when, recently, a young avant-garde sculptor complained that his work did not sell I could not resist pointing out to him that almost everything he made

would fill a room of the average home. He and many others seem to restrict their markets deliberately by creating on a scale suitable only for great public galleries or open spaces. This seems to me foolish, not only because the bigger you "blow up" a little idea the smaller it is likely to look, but also because there is today a rapidly growing market among private art collectors for sculptures



Jennie Linden and Graham Crowden are the stars of You Should Hear Me Eat Soup this week's episode in ABC-TV's Public Eye series

and constructions small enough to stand on the mantelpiece or window-sill.

The four members of Group One Four, whose exhibition is now at the Institute of Contemporary Arts, appear to think this way, too. Introducing them, Jasia Reichardt refers to their works as "objects for contemplation." She might have added the words "in private" for most of the objects in the show have been conceived and created on an intimate scale. They are constructed with a variety of materials-plastics, glass, sheet steel and metal strip, wood and wood veneers, etc.materials that one usually associates with the death-tothe-precious-object sort of art. but most of them have the same sort of appeal as Fabergé's jewelled Easter eggs.

Several, by London-based Argentinian architect-sculptor Mauro Kunst, are presented, like Victorian stuffed birds, under domed glass cases, and given titles like Rosa Veneer (a cluster of wood-veneer curls) and Brass Rose (a similar form made of curled brass strip). One, an arrangement of coloured glass rods or tubes, by Brian Yale, is protected by a square glass showcase, while most of Barbara de Orfé's creations might be described as glass showcases with built-in glass contents. The fourth member of the group, John Berry, makes stark, but none the less precious, objects composed of ceramic cylinders.

Each of the four, who first came together in 1962, has at least one other side to his work, however, and the diversity of the ICA show gives the impression that the group has at least twice as many members. Kunst fills the upper half of the gallery with precise and airy mobiles, Miss de Orfé teases the eye with peep-boxes, and John Berry appeals to the ear with a massive, welded steel image, not

the least attractive feature of which is the variety of mellow musical notes that can be struck from it.

But for versatility Brian Yale is in a class on his own. He fills one end of the gallery with beautifully executed "optical" paintings, big, colourful abstractions as gay and lively as bunting in a strong breeze. He also shows painted sheet metal sculptures that, perhaps, owe something to Arp and to Matisse's papier collés, an electrically operated and illuminated kaleidoscope, and another ingenious example of kinetic art in which sheets of Perspex drilled with holes are illuminated from below by moving lights. The youngest of the group (he is 28), Yale should be worth watching. So should his effect on Hornsey College of Art where he teaches part-time.

To see ourselves as others see us is always interesting but sometimes it may also be alarming. Aldo Bergolli, whose "Underground landscapes" are on show at the Piccadilly Gallery, sees us as emaciated, apathetic, anonymous subhumans crowded together and eternally waiting for a Tube train to take us to some fearful unknown destination such as Highgate or Morden, Hounslow or Cockfosters

He formed these impressions of us when, during visits to London, he became fascinated by the Underground and by the paintings of Francis Bacon, In our defence it could be argued that he must have studied us only on Monday mornings. But protest though we may that his impressions are mistaken, there can be no denying that they have inspired a group of disturbingly fascinating paintings. For commuters who see them a journey on the Underground can never be quite the same again.



Distance has so dangerous a tendency to add enchantment to the view that even the disastrous War Between The States has overtones of romand best evoked by the songs of Stephen Foster and by idealized visions of magnolia-hung plantation houses in the Deep South. A more accurate will be taken on Easter Saturday when B.B.C. 2 screens a 60-minute musical drama called simply The American Civil War to mark the content tenary of the Southern surrender at Appointance to the Confederate ladies above are sewing flags at a rehearsal for the show which is being product by an American, Buddy Bregman, and has a good many Americans in the cast. Actor Neill McCallum will play four of the leading roles.

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Dudley Noble / In the grand manner



ortina G.T. offers carefully thought-out refinements to the hard-driving motorist

nobody has found translations for the French "garage" and "chauffeur." so the Italians' description of a speedy car with touring characteristics-"Gran Turismo" -has no two-word counterpart in our language. It has, however, been abbreviated to "GT" by all and sundry, conveying a definite snob value and justifying a higher price.

In the case of the Ford Cortina GT, the mark-up amounts to some £80, but one gets more for the money than discreet badges on the tail. The 60 b.h.p. of the regular Cortina Super model is boosted to 78 b.h.p. by the fitting of a special carburetter, raising the compression ratio and modifying the shape of the cams that actuate the valves. Between them (and including some other doctoring to make the engine "breathe" more freely) they result in the car being capable of over 90 m.p.h.

This is no mean speed for a 1½-litre saloon, and accordingly certain changes have been introduced into the suspension to suit it to high speed driving. These make the GT Cortina a safe-feeling car to handle, even on wet roads. Cornering does not produce much body roll, nor is there tyre squeal unless one presses on round the bend with foot hard down, intent on giving the tyres the thrashing of their lives. (The tester does occasionally have to do these things to find out exactly what a car's handling is really like, and what "gives" first.)

Riding comfort is decidedly good, and the seats have a nice depth of upholstery without being too springy. In the front they are individual, with bucket shaping that holds one in place against side forces: between them is an armrest which when raised discloses a deep and very useful cubbyhole. At the back there is a reasonable amount of knee-room, and armrests are provided in each door (or on the body side in the case of the two-door version, that sells for £769 against the £793 of the four-door).

When I drove this car I was pleasantly surprised by the petrol consumption, which averaged out at around 30 m.p.g. and, even though the engine has a fairly high compression ratio (9 to 1), it did not make protesting noises when fed with premium grade petrol and not the super-expensive 100

octane. Even at 90 m.p.h. the consumption only increased to 20 m.p.g. but, if the car is to merit its label of Gran Turismo translated as touring in the grand manner, I do consider that there should be a greater range than that given by the present eight gallon tank.

In Britain with petrol pumps every few miles one perhaps does not mind filling up often, but with a Continental name like Cortina Gran Turismo one might be justified in expecting a drive of at least 300 miles on a tankful.

One feature that makes the car eminently suitable for a long journey under a blazing sun is the new ventilation system, the "Aeroflow." Air is drawn in at the base of the windscreen and channelled through ducts towards adjustable outlets on each side of the facia panel, which can be manipulated to direct a cool breeze to any part of the interior of the car.

There are separate controls for driver and front seat passenger, and in the back compartment the current of fresh air comes between the front seats and, like the rest of the flow, passes out by way of cowls

or louvres located in the rear quarter pillars.

Not only is heat and stuffiness done away with in summer, but in low temperatures the air can be warmed and, apart from the comfort to passengers, misted-up windows are prevented. This last is, of course, a very valuable contribution towards road safety, for semi-opaque glass in the side and rear of a car is a menace to both the driver and other roadusers.

More good features of this lively saloon include the disc brakes on the front wheels, which, while not being oversensitive, are able to stop the car from high speed with efficient and long-lasting power. Indeed, in mountain country I doubt whether continual use of these brakes would cause fading, that bugbear which so many Continental motorists have had to endure on their long and twisty descents, unknown to us in Britain. Instrumentation on the GT Cortina is comprehensive, with a rev. counter and also gauges for oil pressure and dynamo charge: altogether a very worthy car at a reasonable price for the hard-driving motorist.

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# IF YOU ARE DYEING TO

## GOOD LOOKS by Evelyn Forbes KNOW THE ANSWER



A style by Jacqueline at Antoine of Dover Street which she calls Crest-of-the-Wave

Hair tinting fascinates most of us, but unless approached with care can lead to hair raising results. Tabulated here are the answers to most of the important questions

Q. I understand that a large percentage of the people who have permanent or semi-permanent tints are young people because they want a colour change. Is this a good idea?

A. It could be fun and it does no harm to the hair; but until our chemists find a way of changing our skins to match, a radical colour change seldom looks right. Good semi-permaner tints for this are Polycolor and Color-Glo.

Q. What can you do if you find greying hair depressing?

A. One of five things: glorify the grey with a temporary water rinse (Come Alive Grey); use a silvery plastic setting lotion (Lumipli in Silver); use a semi-permanent tint such as Silk and Silver or Dove Grey; return to a slightly lighter version of your original colouring with a semi-permanent tint (Clairol's Loving Care), that will last through four to five shampoos; have your hairdresser give you a permanent tint which will last until the hair grows out (3-6 weeks, according to the rate of hair growth). This, of course, will necessitate re-touching.

Q. What can I expect from a water rinse?

A. Water rinses are useful for hiding a slight amount of grey; blending in uneven colouring; covering up sun-faded hair and removing yellow tinges from grey or white hair. They are washed out with the next shampoo.

Q. If I decided to give myself a semi-permanent tint how a choose the right colour and what points should I watch?

A. Study a shade card carefully and choose a colour one or two shades lighter than your original natural colour. Then read the directions carefully, and follow them exactly.

Q. What are permanent colours, which are good name choose from and how can I get the best out of a permanent tim?

A. These tints deposit colour inside the hair shaft and last until the hair grows out. Tell your hairdresser what colour agents you have previously used and make sure that you have patch test first in case you should be allergic to one of the ingredients in the tint. Some good names are Inecto, L'Oreal, Schwarzkopf.

Q. Does a tint affect permanent waving and should it be given fri

before or after a perm?

A. No: but as a permanent wave may cause a very slight color change, it is better to have the colour after the permanent wave

Q. How do bleaches and lighteners work? Can you recomme fall

some good bleaching systems?

A. The natural pigment of the hair is removed by the lotion, which often contains conditioner. Re-application is necessary as the hair grows out. Inecto, Clynol and L'Oreal all make excellent bleaches but your hairdresser will advise you. Should you wish to bleach your hair at home, Inecto have recently brought out a Milk Bleach of which I have heard excellent repo BEAUTY FLASH. There's an April shower of new lipsticks-Coty's Dew Fresh lipsticks, a dozen of them ranging from Dew Pink through Dawn Gold and Fresh Rose to Strawberry Fresh Dorothy Gray's Lights up Yellow to use as a radiant undercoat under any lipstick shade and three new Satura lipsticks: 1 Honey, Porcelain Pink and Flirt Red. Gala's new light brilliand bou are Newly Pink, Lightly Red and Hotly Pink; Goya's Peach Topaz. Innoxa's Cherry Bamboo, Hot Line and S'Wonderful and Irish Rose, a young pink by Lentheric. Dior 43, a vibrant red, In r coral pink; 63, young pink; 67, tender beige.

# DININGIN

the one time when in this country salt cod is presented in one of its many recipes. In her Fish Cookery Book, Madame Prunier points out that Brandade of salt cod is eaten largely in France during Lent and, in the south of France, it is often eaten cold as an hors d'oeuvre. Salt cod is not as popular in this country as it used to be, and few British retailers stock it, but you will find it in almostall Continental (especially Italian) grocers' shops. But be careful; som times, I see really yellowish cod, denoting age and st nginess. Choose thick white lets which will be flaky and se No matter how it is to be c ked and served, salt cod mu e soaked for at least 24 hc , with frequent changes of water. Here is Madame P ier's recipe for the BRANDAT

Cut three pounds of soaked salt cod in large squares; poach them them rather nemove the kin and bones. Add a third their weight in warm mash their weight in the oven and pound to a fine paste.

Into this aste, incorporate by degrees int of warm olive oil, in which one or two cloves of garlic have been put while it is warming (discard the garlic), and the same quantity of warm cream, pounding all the time so as to get the brandade white and light. Season it at the last minute and serve it by itself, with little croutons of fried bread or in little vol-auvents. Half these quantities serves 4 people.

SALT COD, PORTUGUESE STYLE: cut a well soaked 1½-lb. thick fillet of salt cod into 4 to 5 pieces; poach for 10 minutes in clear water. Heat 1 to 2 tablespoons of olive oil and, in it, gently cook a chopped Spanish onion, 2 crushed cloves of garlic, ½ lb. chopped ripe tomatoes, a chopped large sweet red pepper and a chopped leek (white only). Add a bouquet garni (including a clove), a small wineglass of dry white wine and a glass of fish stock. Cook, covered, until the vegetables can be rubbed through a coarse sieve (first removing the bouquet garni). Add a tablespoon of tubed tomato purée and seasoning to taste, bearing n mind that the cod is salted. Spoon a third of this mixture

into a casserole. Lay the pieces of poached cod on top and cover with the remaining vegetable purée. Cover and bake for 20 minutes in a moderate oven (350 to 375° F., or gas mark 4 to 5). Sprinkle with chopped parsley, if liked, and serve with plainly boiled potatoes or boiled rice. Serves 4 to 5.

SALT COD WITH EGG SAUCE: Well soak 1½-lb. fillet of salt cod, as above. Poach it for 20 to 25 minutes in plain water. Drain it, and remove the skin and any bones. While the fish is poaching, make the sauce: melt an ounce of butter and simmer an ounce of plain flour in it for a minute, without colouring. Remove from the heat and add  $\frac{3}{4}$ pint of milk in which a bouquet garni (optional) has been simmered for a few minutes and then removed, and a pinch of grated nutmeg. Return to the heat and stir while the mixture comes to the boil. Simmer until the flour is cooked. Season to taste. Add 1 to 2 coarsely chopped hard-boiled eggs. Transfer the cod to a heated dish, pour the egg sauce over it and serve. Alternatively add the chopped whites only to the sauce, sprinkling the coarsely chopped egg-yolks on the top.

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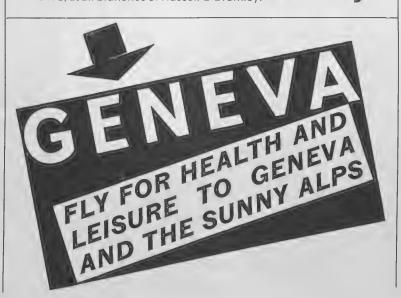


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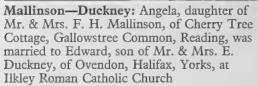
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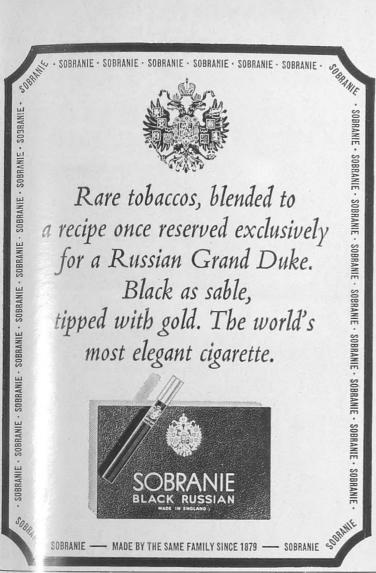
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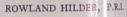
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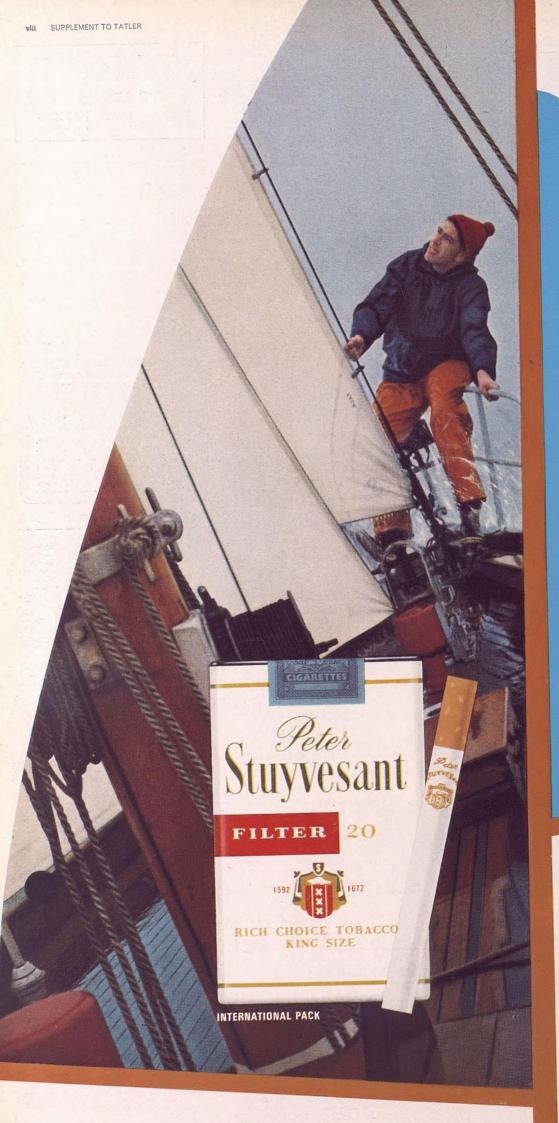
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